

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

1-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented): A method for altering flow through a biological valve having an annulus, the method comprising:

transferring energy to the annulus to heat the annulus; and

cinching the annulus, wherein the cinching comprises implanting a cinching member.

12. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein the valve comprises a cardiac valve.

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14. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cinching member comprises a transducer.

15. (previously presented): The method of Claim 14, wherein transferring energy comprises transferring energy with the transducer.

16. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cinching member has a first shape during a delivery to the annulus and a second shape after the delivery.

17. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cinching member comprises a central region and two anchoring regions on opposing ends of the central region, wherein each anchoring region is configured to be anchored to opposing areas of tissue against or adjacent to the annulus and urge the areas of tissue towards one another.

18. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises modifying the geometry of the annulus.

19. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises transferring RF energy.

20. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises transferring microwave energy.

21. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises transferring ultrasound energy.

22. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises transferring laser energy.

23. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein transferring energy comprises using a heating element.

24. (previously presented): The method of Claim 11, further comprises deploying a chemical to the annulus.

25. (previously presented): The method of Claim 24, wherein the chemical comprises aldehydes.

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)